

REMARKS

Claims 1- 16 were pending in the present application and previously allowed (as indicated in a Notice of Allowance mailed on December 31, 2007).

In the foregoing amendments, claim 2-3, 7-8, 10-11, 13, and 15-16 have been amended, and new claim 17 has been added. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification and claims of the application as filed. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments above and the remarks below.

AMENDED CLAIMS

Claims 2 and 10 have been amended to define an acronym. Claims 3, 7-8, 11, 13, and 15-16 have been amended to correct typographical and formal errors. Therefore, these claims are still in condition for allowance.

NEW CLAIM

New claim 17 recites features analogous to those found in independent claim 1. Therefore, claim 17 is also allowable for at least the reasons noted for claim 1.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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